CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 3, 2019 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Miguel Hidalgo of Iglesia de Dios, El Cuerpo de Cristo gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Moats led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Chief Human Resources Officer Elena Morelos, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Police Sergeant Alfredo Ruiz, Police Commander Marc Schneider, Recreation Services Manager Dennis Smitherman, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Assistant City Attorney Heather Whitham, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

1 PRESENTATION

A. The City Council received a presentation from the City's Chief Information Officer Jeff Marecic, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Police Commander Marc Schneider, and Police Sergeant Alfredo Ruiz on the recent public safety technology modernization project that implemented a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System in the Police Department to help the City's Public Safety agencies and first responders improve response times, allocate resources efficiently, increase situational awareness, and provide better data collection and analysis.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Sara Macdonald, representing the League of Women Voters, introduced herself.

Ernest Armenta spoke on Item 3E (Alvin Market ABC License) and 3C (Donation of surplus property to the City of Lompoc).

Gregorio Lopez, of the 2020 Census Bureau, encouraged people to apply to work with the upcoming Census.

Gary Hall, Esther Jensen, and Eileen Encinias spoke against the Model Lease 2020 item recently approved by the City Council, and suggested a rent control ordinance be put in place.

Several youth from Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley expressed their appreciation for the recent adoption of the tobacco regulations ordinance.

Bruce Evans requested that Item 3E be pulled from the consent agenda to be considered separately.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Cordero requested that Item 3E (ABC License for Alvin Market) be pulled for a separate discussion and vote.

Items 3A-3G (except 3E) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-131.

As to Item 3E, Bruce Evans, Attorney for Esam Alst (applicant for Alvin Market), spoke about the support Mr. Alst has received from surrounding schools, the church, and neighbors to implement the sale of liquor, in addition to beer and wine, at Alvin Market.

Esam Alst requested that the City Council reconsider the Resolution to deny a liquor license for Alvin Market as he was already selling beer and wine, and did not think the addition of hard liquor would be a problem.

Item 3E was approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-132. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings Waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 19, 2019.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution declaring certain unused City television cablecast components to be surplus equipment, and authorizing the equipment to be donated to the City of Lompoc.

Action: Donation of surplus equipment approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-131. 5-0.

D. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 2019-11 amending the Santa Maria Municipal Code by adding Title 13 (Tobacco Retailers) to Chapter 6 (Public Safety and Welfare) to institute the licensure of tobacco retailers, and to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products.

Action: Second reading was conducted, and the Ordinance was adopted establishing Tobacco Regulations.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2019-11. 5-0.

E. Adopt a Resolution declining a determination of public convenience or necessity for the issuance of a type 21 (off-sale general) Alcoholic Beverage License for Alvin Market at 401 West Alvin Avenue.

Action: Determination of public convenience denied for the issuance of an ABC license for Alvin Market.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Moats Cordero.

F. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 APPOINTMENT

A. The City Council considered appointing Betty Gunn to the *County of Santa Barbara Library Advisory Committee* for a term contiguous with the Countywide Library Agreement.

Councilmember Moats left the dais at 6:50 p.m. and returned at 6:55 p.m.

Action: Mayor Patino appointed Betty Gunn to the County of Santa Barbara Library Advisory Committee.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried and appointment ratified. 4-0.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **SANTA MARIA PUBLIC ART PLAN.** The City Council considered a recommendation from the City Council-appointed Public Art Committee to introduce for first reading, and continue to the next meeting for second reading and adoption, an Ordinance establishing a Public Art Master

Plan for both public and private projects, and establishing a special fund designated "City Art Fund" by adding Chapter 10-6 to the Santa Maria Municipal Code and disbanding the committee.

Director of Recreation & Parks Posada and Recreation Services Manager Smitherman gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Laura Henderson, Craig Shafer, Gale McNeeley, Ruben Espinoza, Chantal Medina, Leo Ortega, Saira Garcia Diaz, Anahi Santos, Marti Fast, John Hood, Darin Gabler, and Judith Chumlea-Cohan spoke in favor of the item.

Lindy Hatcher and Jerry Stinn spoke against the fee, and asked that the art plan be funded by other revenues.

Laurie Tamura spoke in favor of the item, but not as presented.

Glenn Morris asked if incentives could be offered to developers in exchange for adding public art to their projects. He encouraged the City Council to consider funding in a broader, community sense.

Action: The City Council approved and adopted the Public Art Master Plan as presented, disbanded the ad-hoc Public Art Committee, rejected the proposed Ordinance establishing a City Art Fund, and asked staff to report back on funding possibilities through a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 4-1. Noes:

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell invited everyone to attend the next Town Hall meeting being held on Thursday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 402 S. Lincoln Street. The next regular City Council meeting would be December 17, 2019. Items on the agenda would include a presentation of the Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Award Winners and the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The Recreation & Parks Leisure Needs Assessment would also be presented and a Conceptual Review of Atul Malhotra's project just south of the library. He also introduced the City's new Chief Human Resources Officer, Elena Morelos.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Soto reported she attended the Econ Alliance Annual Dinner and spoke on a panel with the League of Women Voters.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended an SBCAG meeting and a couple of community events.

Councilmember Moats reported he attended a City investment meeting.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a meeting with the Santa Barbara Foundation and a meeting with United Way.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a Marian Foundation Board meeting and a Rotary meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Approved at a regular meeting on December 17, 2019.

M. Beth Cleary, CMC
Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

M. Beth Cleary, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria